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Mr. S. M. Levitas
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Dear Mr. Levitas:

In response to your letter of December 24, I should advise you that the speech I made on March 3rd was "off the record" and delivered from sketchy notes with no manuscript. Since taking this position, I have made it a practice not to write for publication and only to speak "off the record."

I know The New Leader well and congratulate you on the issue you devoted to Communist China last year. It would be an honor to have an article in your magazine, but I am afraid I consider it wise to stick to the ground rules stated above.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Taft, Jr.